10/7/72 Howard, After what you heard and what Bud told you 10/2, I think you will understand that in the enclosed letter to Lesar I do not express the full anger I feel. If you recall the terms of my original understanding with Bud, preconditions to getting Ray as his client, you can better understand that I'm hollering about much more than the great waste of my time. That in itself is more than it would take to write a book. It is at the permeating incompetence, the envy, the sublimating of the client's interest to Bud's ego and needless stinginess, the blowing of a great opportunity that is possible, and less to the fact that they have not added materially to what I have done and haven't made maximum use of that. Bud never made an investigation, never permitted one to be made, and the only one I was ever able to make on the spot was rushed if successful, when I was there for a different reason, to be available for the first hearing before Judge Williams. Jim is now having to do what he should not be taking time for, what should have been done long ago, and what I did not overlook if Bud was oblivious. Inadequately prepared for it, he is going to Birmingham for what Huie offered me two years ago and Bud refused to send me for! And even this belated effort, handicapped as it is, is but one of a number on which I've insisted now that the need I forsaw is obvious (they didn't see it, though). And I have a purpose. It is essentially to give him backbone so that what can still be prevented may be, what may yet be done also may be. They are hungup on having to depend on me and at their own failures and inabilities. They don't understand that there is almost nothing I'd not rather be doing than their work, but they resent that they can't get along with my help. H